

STATE

COUNTY

TOWN OR VICINITY

✓ CALIFORNIA

Amador

Butte City (2½ miles So. of
Jackson, on Hwy 49) 1P

INDEX NUMBER

MONUMENT

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Benoist-Ginocchio Store (walls only)

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H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

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History - This bldg. was occupied as early as 1854 by Xavier Benoist as a store and bakery. It was later owned by Enrico Ginocchio. Butte City was, for a time, a rival of Jackson in population and richness of gold deposits, and the Benoist-Ginocchio store stood in the midst of the cabins of hundreds of miners. Today, as the sole remaining structure that has withstood

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the ravages of time for over a century, it is notable in both materials and in workmanship. Description - The door and window frames are of brick, the walls of Calaveras schist fieldstone and the upper openings still bear the iron plate doors typical of gold rush bldgs. 3 iron shuttered doors of 20 panels each on front facade, 2nd fl. Cornice decoration very broken. Pediment above entablature. References - Rensch, Historic Spots in Calif., 1948, p.70, Weston, Mother Lode Album, 1948, pp. 108, 110. Author of Card - H. E. Rensch, Historian, 2225 W. Capitol Ave., West Sacramento, California, June 1961.